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BOOK BINDERS,
—AND—
BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURERS
RALEIGH, N. C.
oc 15—tf.

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Sept. 26 1860. f

A. C. PULLIAM, R. F. PULLIAM, D. K. WEISIGER.
PULLIAM & CO.
AUCTIONEERS FOR SALE OF NEGROES,
Odd-Fellows' Hall, Franklin St.,
RICHMOND, VA.
DAILY SALES—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.
We pledge our strictest attention to the business entrusted to us, and will, answer all communications promptly.
PORTER ALWAYS AT EACH DEPOT.
ly 9—tf.

PEEBLES, PLUMMER & CO.,
(FORMERLY PEEBLES & WHITE.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND GROCERS,
No. 22, Old Street, Petersburg Va.
PROMPT and diligent personal attention given to the sale of all consignments of Produce Always on hand a full supply of standard quality Groceries, suited to the wants of Farmers and Families.
LEM'L PEEBLES, JNO. J. THOMPSON.
HENRY L. PLUMMER, jr., late of the firm of N. M. Martin, Brother & Co.
☞ Sole Agents for Reese's Phospho Peruvian, or Manipulated Guano. june 27—tf.

OAK CITY SAVINGS BANK.
DR. T. D. HOGG, *President.*
JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Cashier.*
DIRECTORS.
Dr. T. D. Hogg, H. S. Smith,
Q. Busbee, John G. Williams.
This Bank is now receiving deposits, at the Exchange Office of John G. Williams & Co. Discount day Tuesday, feb 18—tf.

TO THE FRIENDS OF
HOME MANUFACTURES.
THE KINSTON
SHOE FACTORY
IS NOW IN
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.
ORDERS for negro BROGANS and BOOTS are solicited. J. C. CARPENTER, *Agent.*
Kinston, N. C., June 24, 1860. aug 4—tf.

JARRATT'S HOTEL,
PETERSBURG, VA.
THIS WELL KNOWN ESTALISHMENT,
HAVING BEEN RECENTLY FITTED UP AND SUPPLIED WITH ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES,
Now offers to Travellers Attractions Unsurpassed by any Hotel in the Country.
mar 5— JOHN JARRATT & BRO.

DONNANS & JOHNSTON,
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Petersburg, Va.
ja 1—1y.

DONNAN & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Richmond, Va.
ja 1—1y

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA, Winchester, Virginia, Capital $300,000. Incorporated March, 1852. Charter perpetual. Losses equitably adjusted and promptly paid.
Fire Losses paid in 8 years to July, 1860, $538,292 19.
Insurance against loss or damage by fire, on as favorable terms as other responsible Companies.
JOS. S. CARSON, Pres't.
WM. L. BENT, Sec'y. W. S. SIMPSON, Ag't
ap'l 10—tf Petersburg, Va.

WANTED! WANTED!!
AT THE
INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S,
A CONTENTED MAN; FOR WHICH he offers a premium of FIVE GALLONS of Drewry's Celebrated Southampton (Va.) BRANDY.
Speaking of the above OLD BRANDY, the
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER
has on hand
DREWRY'S OLD APPLE BRANDY
SETH JONES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
TISDALES' OLD APPLE BRANDY,
and many other choice BRANDS.
P. S. The contented man can find the INIMITABLE at his Store, on Hargett St., between the hours of 6, a. m. and 10 p. m. Call on him.
ap'l 12—tf.

MEDICINES, &C.

OLD SACHEM BITTERS
AND
WIGWAM TONIC.
THESE DELICIOUS AND FAR-FAMED BITTERS are recommended by the FIRST PHYSICIANS OF THE COUNTRY, on account of their PURITY AND GREAT MEDICINAL VIRTUE.
They are pleasant as nectar to the taste, and are pronounced the BEST TONIC AND STIMULANT EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.
Their curative powers in cases of GENERAL DEBILITY, LOSS OF APPETITE, CONSTIPATION, etc., are unparralleled, and as a guarantee that we feel warranted in claiming what we do, we beg leave to state that our assertions are endorsed by
Prof. SILLIMAN, of Yale College.
Prof. HAYES, of Massachusetts,
and hundreds of others.
For sale by Grocers, Wine Merchants, and Druggists generally.
Principal Depot, 145 Water St., New York.
dec 1—1y

FRESH MEDICINES
AND TOILET ARTICLES.
The Subscriber has the pleasure of announcing to his friends and the public generally, that after much delay trouble, and expense, owing to the war, and interruption of trade, he has procured a fresh supply of Medicines, Toilets and other articles in his line, which he has been unable to furnish for some time past.—He has to pay CASH for all he buys, and hopes that such of his patrons as do not pay promptly, will take the hint, and that all in arrears, who have not gone to the seat of war to fight for our independence and dearest interests, will pay up their arrearages or a part at least, so that he may be able to meet pressing demands, and keep his Stock replenished.
☞ All orders from the country (unless from prompt and reliable parties,) will go unnoticed, if not accompanied with the CASH or its equivalent.
P. F. PESCUD,
au 17—tf Druggist, Raleigh, N. C.

FOR BEAUTIFYING AND IMPROVING THE HAIR.--I have received the following favorite articles, viz:
Mrs. Allen's Restorer and Zylabalsamum,
Wood's and Ezekial's Restorer,
Burnett's Cocoaine and Cocin,
Rosemary and Castor Oil,
Lowe's and Piver's Pomades,
Demerson, Petit & Co., Hygienique Societe, and Monpelas Pomades,
Tricopherous, Kathairon,
Essence Bay Leaves,
Sayne's Hair Tonic,
Philecome, and
Pescud's Hair Tonic.
Also, the most approved Hair Dyes known in this country.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 30—tf.

BUIST'S FRESH AND NEW CROP TURNIP SEED.
CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES:
Early Large Flat Duch,
Early Red Top,
Ruta Baga, (a superior variety.)
Large White Norfolk,
Large Yellow Norfolk,
Large White Globe. Also,
Altringham Carrot, Mangel Wortzel Beet, and large Winter Drumhead Cabbage Seed.
For Sale in quantities to suit purchasers at
june 18—tf. P. F. PESCUD'g.

CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS.--MY Materials are to hand, and Mr. Chisman has put up a large quantity, all who have been waiting for supplies can send in their orders.
If you doubt that these great Powders are not superior to any now known, you can find testimonials from the most respectable families in Raleigh, at my store, where you can be supplied at wholesale or retail. P. F. PESCUD.
may 23—

ANOTHER BRILLIANT VICTORY!--While on my recent visit to the Old Dominion, I had the good fortune to procure from an old friend a demijohn of Rose Cordial of the most delectable flavor—a splendid and invigorating article for the sick. Call, by all means, and get some before it is gone; price 25 cents a bottle. Among the choice variety of other things too tedious to mention, to which the attention of the public is respectfully called, I have a fine lot of the best Hair Brushes. If you want to feel good and poetical in these gloomy times, just call around, procure a brush and a bottle of cordial, and I will guarantee a fine flow of the most *high falutin pheelins.* P. F. PESCUD, Druggist.

NEW AND SPLENDID EXTRACTS--Consisting of
THE WOOD VIOLET,
HUMMING BIRD,
BUTTERFLY VIOLET,
PATCHUTLY MUSK,
PINK JOCKY CLUB,
FRANGIPANI ROSE, &c.
Also, Frangipani, Verbena, Cologne and other Toilet waters. All of which are of the finest quality and put up in elegant style.
For sale at
PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.
Raleigh, May 18, 1860. ma 23—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT
PESCUDS DRUG STORE.
A VERY FINE LOT OF TOILET SOAPS.

BAKERS PREMIUM BITTERS.
A new supply of these celebrated Bitters on hand
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

MUSTARD.
A fresh supply just received
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.

PHALONS HAIR INVIGORATOR.
Barrys Tricopherous,
Ezekials Hair Restorer,
Parsons Indelible Ink.
At PESCUD'S Drug Store.
au 14—tf Raleigh, N. C.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!
I SELL MY GOODS FOR CASH! I DON'T do a Credit Business! Therefore I hope every person that sees this advertisement will not ask me for CREDIT--because I am not able to do a credit business; and have to pay CASH myself.
I have called on every person that owes me a DOLLAR, and have not been able to collect the first CENT. I wish you would call on some one that is able to credit. J. B. FRANKLIN.
ap'l 17—tf

OLD DOMINION "TOBACCO."--ANOTHER Lot of Old Dominion Smoking "Tobacco," Just received at "Turner's", North Carolina Book Store. Said to be Superior to the former.
jan 5 td

WHITAKER'S IS THE PLACE TO BUY.—Goods delivered free of Charge, to any part of the City.
mar 6—tf.

FRESH MINERAL WATERS.--CONGRESS, Rockbridge Alum, and Green Brier Va., White Sulpher Water, also Rock Bridge Alum Mass.
For sale at
may 22— PESCUD'S DRUG STORE.

Census of North Carolina.

As Reported by the Secretary of the State Convention.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.	FREE COL'ED.	SLAV'S.	TOTAL.
Alamance,	7,987	421	3,445	11,853
Alexander,	5,392	19	611	6,022
Anson,	6,562	151	6,951	13,664
Alleghany,	3,357	27	206	3,590
Ashe,	7,423	142	391	7,956
Beaufort,	8,172	729	5,878	14,779
Bertie,	5,846	279	8,186	14,311
Bladen,	6,235	435	5,327	11,995
Brunswick,	4,515	266	3,621	8,406
Buncombe,	10,623	100	1,931	12,654
Burke,	6,647	219	2,371	9,237
Cabarrus,	7,402	104	3,040	10,546
Caldwell,	6,297	114	1,088	7,499
Camden,	2,940	276	2,127	5,343
Carteret,	6,064	152	1,969	8,185
Caswell,	6,581	279	9,355	16,215
Catawba,	9,038	28	1,664	10,730
Chatham,	12,555	304	6,246	19,105
Cherokee,	8,609	38	519	9,166
Chowan,	2,978	151	3,713	6,842
Cleaveland,	10,108	109	2,131	12,348
Columbus,	5,779	355	2,463	8,597
Craven,	8,795	1,288	6,190	16,273
Cumberland,	9,561	978	5,830	16,369
Currituck,	4,671	221	2,524	7,416
Davidson,	13,378	147	3,076	16,601
Davie,	6,001	101	2,392	8,494
Duplin,	8,286	374	7,126	15,786
Edgecombe,	6,880	388	10,108	17,376
Forsythe,	10,716	211	1,764	12,691
Franklin,	6,490	541	7,079	14,110
Gaston,	7,009	102	2,199	9,310
Gates,	4,180	362	3,902	8,444
Granville,	11,189	1,121	11,086	23,396
Greene,	2,826	152	3,947	7,925
Guilford,	15,738	693	3,625	20,056
Halifax,	6,642	2,450	10,349	19,441
Harnett,	5,351	104	2,584	8,039
Haywood,	5,488		313	5,801
Henderson,	8,981	85	1,382	10,448
Hertford,	3,948	1,111	4,445	9,504
Hyde,	4,682	259	2,793	7,734
Iredell,	11,141	29	4,177	15,347
Jackson,	5,241	6	281	5,528
Johnston,	10,548	193	4,916	15,657
Jones,	2,210	107	3,413	5,730
Lenoir,	4,903	177	5,131	10,211
Lincoln,	6,000	80	2,115	8,195
Macon,	5,370	115	519	6,004
Madison,	5,693	2	213	5,908
Martin,	5,435	451	4,303	10,189
McDowell,	5,542	273	1,305	7,120
Mecklenburg,	10,543	290	6,541	17,374
Montgomery,	6,781	45	1,823	7,649
Moore,	8,725	184	2,518	11,427
Nash,	6,319	688	4,681	11,688
New Hanover,	10,617	766	10,332	21,715
Northampton,	5,912	656	6,808	13,376
Onslow,	5,198	159	3,499	8,856
Orange,	11,318	522	5,109	16,949
Pasquotank,	4,473	1,484	2,983	8,940
Perquimans,	3,287	392	3,569	7,248
Person,	5,708	318	5,195	11,221
Pitt,	7,480	127	8,473	16,793
Polk,	3,317	106	620	4,043
Richmond,	5,211	345	5,453	11,009
Randolph,	14,768	380	1,645	16,798
Robeson,	8,584	1,450	5,456	15,490
Rockingham,	10,021	407	6,318	16,746
Rowan,	10,522	135	3,929	14,586
Rutherford,	9,060	122	2,391	11,573
Sampson,	9,106	489	7,028	16,623
Stanly,	6,590	42	1,169	7,801
Stokes,	7,847	86	2,469	10,402
Surry,	8,949	184	1,246	10,379
Tyrrell,	3,203	143	1,597	4,943
Union,	8,903	53	2,246	11,202
Wake,	16,470	1,424	10,733	28,627
Warren,	4,923	462	10,401	15,726
Washington,	3,596	296	2,465	6,357
Watauga,	4,771	82	104	4,957
Wayne,	8,721	734	5,451	14,906
Wilkes,	13,280	261	1,208	14,749
Wilson,	5,944	280	3,496	9,720
Yadkin,	9,110	168	1,433	10,711
Yancey,	8,229	64	362	8,655
	631,489	30,097	331,081	992,667

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MILITARY BOOKS for CASH ONLY.
HARDEES' TACTICS, Complete Edition; Revised by and published under the personal supervision of the Author in 2 Volumes. Price $2.50
When sent by mail, 2.70
VOLUNTEERS MANUAL of Infantry and Rifle Tactics, with Honors paid by the troops; Inspections, Reviews, Duties of Captains, Companies, Duties in Camp, and Garrison, Soldiers Rations and Mode of cooking them Abriged and compiled by Lieut. Colonel WM. H. RICHARDSON, graduate and formerly Assistant Instructor of tactics, Virginia Military Institute. Price $1.50
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ALSO a complete New Pocket Map of VIRGINIA. Price $00.75
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When sent by mail, 1.10
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GILHAM'S MANUAL for the Volunteers and Militia of the Confederate States. Price $2.50
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For sale by W. L. POMEROY.
se 11—tf Raleigh, N. C.

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE OF CHEWING "Tobacco." The Pure Southern Quid. A Supply of the above just received at
TURNER'S
jan 9—tf N. C. Book Store.
☞ Age please copy.

SODA, WATER AND SUGAR CRACKers, 3 doz. Jars of Pickles, at
no 15 WHITAKER'S.

CLOTHING, &C.

NEW CLOTHING STORE!!
JUST OPENED BY
ISAAC OETTINGER,
at the corner of Fayetteville St. and Market Square $20,000 worth of MEN'S and BOYS' Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, and many other articles. I wish it distinctly understood that these Goods were bought in times of peace, and consequently at much lower prices than they could be bought for now. They will be sold again at the
OLD RETAIL PRICES.
I have no particular fancy for saying much. All I ask of the public is to give me a call. They will certainly not be disappointed in the quantity, quality or in the prices of my
GOODS.
Remember, corner of Fayetteville Street and Mar-Square, (formerly occupied by Mr. Pool.)
Respectfully,
an 31—tf ISAAC OETTINGER.

1861. SPRING TRADE! 1861.
GENTLEMEN AND BOYS
IN WANT OF CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, BOOTS, &c., of every description, will find me prepared this SPRING to furnish them with BETTER GOODS, at more
Reasonable Prices
than heretofore; and I most cordially invite them to examine my
GOODS AND PRICES
before purchasing.
Notwithstanding the crisis, I have been NORTH and purchased, to great advantage, a most BEAUTIFUL and VARIED STOCK of
CLOTHING
AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS,
and my friends can be furnished, at short notice, from head to foot.
Having a splendid Stock of the most fashionable and approved French CLOTH, DOESKINS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS of all kinds, &c, the most ACCOMPLISHED AND SUPERIOR
CUTTER AND WORKMEN
in my TAYLORING ESTABLISHMENT, I am ready to compete with any one in the old North State in making any Garment or Clothing to order, in the most superb and artistic manner.
The liberal encouragement I have received and continued indications of increasing confidence, inspire me with the hope that I shall be more liberally patronized than ever; to merit which I will give my undivided attention to the wants of all who favor we with a call. M. GRAUSMAN.
ap'l 13—tf

MILITARY GOODS!
50 SUP. GREY AND DRAB MILITARY Overcoats with large capes, price 16, 18, 20 and 22 dollars, all home made.
500 Merino Shirts, Grey and White, for camp life.
500 Pairs Merino and Shaker Drawers, all sizes, Grey and White, just to hand.
50 Pair Grey, Blue, Drab and Mixed colored Cloth and Cassimeres, made to measure or sold by the pair or single pattern to suit purchasers.
Overcoatings in Beaver, Pilot and Petersham.
40 Dozen sup. White Shirts.
70 Dozen Cassimere, Gingham and Calico fatigue Shirts.
Blankets and Shawls for Soldier's use.
Oil Cloth Overcoats, Leggins and Cap Covers.
Gilt Buttons by the gross.
Gold Braids by the pair.
Haversacks by the hundred.
200 Pair Drill Gaiters.
Heavy Socks by the dozen.
Gloves and Gauntletts.
Pants, Vests and Dress Clothing; a complete assortment at T. W. ROYSTON & CO.'S.
oct 9 Petersburg, Va.

1861. AUGUST 17th, 1861.
MILITARY GOODS!
NO. 51½ SYCAMORE, PETERSBURG, VA.
T. W. ROYSTON, & Co.,
Can furnish Military Companies with the following named goods at short notice:
Oil Cloth Over Coats,
Oil Cloth Oaps,
Oil Cloth Haverlocks,
Oil Cloth Haversacks,
Oil Cloth Leggins,
Fatigue Jackets,
Plain and fancy fatigue Shirts.
Gingham and Calico Shirts.
Mirino under Shirts (White and Grey.)
Merino Drawers, (White and Grey,)
Velvet and flannel Zouave Caps,
Heavy Grey Over Coats,
ALSO, ON HAND,
Grey and Blue Satinet,
Grey Gasimere,
Grey Flannel which they will make up to order and warrent satisfaction in every instance.
T. W. ROYSTON, & CO.,
No. 51½ Sycamore St.,
au 21—tf Petersburg, Va.

WHITAKER'S!
WHITAKER'S!!
WHITAKERS!!!
SPRING GOODS!
SPRING STOCK!!
E. A. WHITAKER,
THE INIMITABLE.
THE INIMITABLE WHITAKER.

50 Boxes Oranges,	$4 00	10 boxes French Candy,	45c.
50 do Lemons,	4 00	20 boxes Webb & Whitted's celebrated TOBACCO.	
50 Bbls. Apples,	4 00	20,000 Havana CIGARS.	
10 do Potatoes,	4 00	20 Cases Crackers.	
40 Boxes Candles (⅝ 100 lbs.,)	22c.	20 Bbls. Crackers.	
40 boxes Common Candy,	16c.		
10 boxes Fancy Candy,	20c.		

WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
Daily expected at the INIMITABLE WHITAKER'S a great variety of WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.
FISH! FISH!! FISH!!!
Herrings, Mullets, Mackerel, Salmon, White Fish, and Shad are daily expected at
WHITAKER'S CITY EMPORIUM.
ap'l 6—tf.

JUST RECEIVED AT FRANKLIN'S.
Strong Fresh and Salty Snuff, and all to be had in the SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.
Also, a Large lot of Every conceivable article known to the trade.
Come one, come all, to
se 7—tf FRANKLIN'S Call.
☞ Standard and Spirit of the Age copy.

FINE GOLD JEWELRY.--THE SUBSCRIBER has in store a splendid assortment of *FINE GOLD JEWELRY,* embracing a variety of styles of patterns of Brooches, Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Bracelets, Finger Rings, Ladies and Gentlemen's Watch Chains, Pencils and Pens, Cuff Pins, Miniature Lockets, Gold Thimbles, &c. Call and examine.
nov 9 C. B. ROOT.

USE
CHISMAN'S YEAST POWDERS

The Raleigh Register.
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 1, 1862.

[From the Southern Confederacy.]

THE DEVIL'S VISIT TO "OLD ABE."

BY REV. E. P. BIRCH, OF LA GRANGE, GA.

Written on the occasion of Lincoln's Proclamation for Prayer and fasting after the battle of Manassas. Revised and improved expressly for the *La Grange Reporter*, by the author.

Old Abe was sitting in his chair of State,
With one foot on the mantle and one on the grate,
Now smoking his pipe, and then scratching his pate;
For he had heard some disastrous news of late,
As fearful as death and as cruel as fate;
In an old earthen jug on a table near by,
Was a gallon of "Buck eye," or "Choice Old Rye,"
To cheer up his hopes, which were ready to die,
Under whose potent charms old *Abe* would be *able*
To lay all his griefs, like a *bull*, "on the table;"
Or, shut up his wo, like a horse, in a stable.
He sat in his chair,
With a wo-begone air,
Gazing at nothing with a meaningless stare,
And looked like a wild beast just 'skeered" in his lair.
His cheek-bones were high, and his visage was rough,
Like a middling of bacon—all wrinkled and tough,
His nose was as long, and as ugly and big,
As the snout of a half starved Illinois pig;
He was long in his legs, and long in his face,
A *Longfellow* born of a *long*-legged race,
Yet *longing* thro' grace, for a much *longer* space,
'Till he'd finished his political wild goose chase—
Bringing wreck on his country, and endless disgrace
On the blockheads who'd placed him in "the very wrong place."
The news had just reached him of rout and defeat,
Of his "Grand Army" broken—of disastrous retreat,
His best men were slain on the field of the fight;
His legions were scattered with panic and flight,
And his plans had all met with a ruinous blight;
His treasury was bankrupt, his finances smashed;
His credit was gone, and his bills were uncashed;
His country with terrible foes still begirt,
Was tumbling to ruin like a fabric of dirt;
'Im afraid," said Old Abe, "there's somebody hurt."
Thus sitting and thinking—
'Twixt smoking and drinking—
His head on his bosom was gradually sinking—
When a sound met his ear—
So sharp and so clear,
That he sprung to his feet—standing breathless to hear,
With his mind full of dread, and his heart full of fear.
'Twas not like the roll of the hurricane's thunder:
Nor the earthquake that cleaves the tall mountains asunder;
'Twes not like the storms which tumultuously sweep
O'er the lone bending woods and the dark rolling deep;
But a sharp, angry crashing,
A confusion and clashing,
Like things in general, promiscuously smashing.
"It's the Devil!" thought Abe, in the sorest of frights,
Or a rebel "masked battery" on "Arlington Heights."
On the wings of the midnight winds it flew,
And nearer it came and louder it grew,
'Till Washington City seemed all in a stew.
It paused just before
The "White House" door,
And then died away with an explosive roar.
"It's the Devil!" said Lincoln; and sure he's right,
For just at that moment there gleamed on his sight
The glare of a horrible sulphurous light,
Encircling a form so ghastly and grim,
That his heart ceased to beat, and his eyes grew dim.
That form stood before him, majestic and dread,
With large cloven feet, and huge horns on his head.
Mr. Lincoln was seized with a terrible quaking,
And the bones in his skin were rattling and shaking.
Like the "dry bones" in the "Valley of Vision,"
With such a dreadful collision,
As threatened to make a "long division"
Of his body and members, without "legal decision."
"How's your health, Mr. Lincoln? said old nick with a grin;
"I have only stepped in
To renew old acquaintance with your honor again.
How are Seward, and Scott, and good Mrs. L?
I hope all your friends are still hearty and well."
Thus saying, he seated himself in a chair,
And gazing at Old Abe with an impudent stare;
Took a drink of "hot lead," from a flaming sky-rocket,
Which he drew from the depths of his overcoat pocket;
Consulted his watch with a dandyish grace,
Said he'd made a quick trip thro' the regions of space,
On the train of a comet in a journey sublime,
Over millions of miles in a moment of time.
"You, yo self," said the fiend, with a wink of his eye,
"Can travel 'like blazes,' when danger is nigh.
Your Grand Army, too, are distinguished for speed,
And run, 'like the devil,' in cases of need.
But all this aside—allow me to state:
I have come here on business momentously great,
Which deeply involves your political fate.
What means, Mr. Lincoln, this strange proclamation,
In which you've invited the whole Yankee nation
To fasting and prayer, and to humiliation?
It is strange how a thrashing has altered your notions,
And called into action your pious devotions;
It seems to me, sir, you're a whimsical set,
Ever twisting and turning, like an eel in a net.
You flounder and flout,
And turn in and turn out,
'Till my wits are puzzled to know what you're stout,
And now in all candor, I must call your attention
To the truths which at present you'll allow me to mention.
You know, in the first place, you owe your election,
To the aid and protection.
Of a demagogue crew who own my direction.
I invented your platform, and gave it *eclat*,
About 'niggers,' and 'freedom,' and the great 'higher law.'
From the top of this platform—outstretching below,
I showed you the kingdoms which I would be stow,
If you and your party would only agree
To fall down in worship and homage to me;
Obey my directions, fulfill my commands,
Spread carnage and death over all these lands,
By a horrible warfare, such as would win
Success to my cause, and a triumph to sin.
To all of these terms you most promptly agreed,
And made them your grounds of political creed.
I gave you my subjects—the best I have got,
Such as Cameron, and Seward, and "Old Granny Scott;"
Assisted by Greeley, and Bennett, and Weed,
As miserable scoundrels as Topbet could breed,
To fix up a plan for "preserving the Union,"
In the bonds of a happy fraternal communion,
By a terrible warfare of conquest and blood,
Such as never was known since the day of the flood.
I gave you my minions from the purlieus of hell,
The ranks of your fearful Grand Army to swell;
I stirred up the North with its vagabond crew,
And set witch burning Yankeedom all in a stew,
With its isms and schisms—fanatical trappings—
Its free-loving humbugs, and spiritual rappings;
I called out its teachers,
(Hypocritical preachers)
And demagogue screechers,
To marshal your legions to conquest and fame;
But alas! to your shame,
No victory came,
But reproach and disgrace on the whole Yankee name.
Your armies went forth, but not to the battle—
They went forth to plunder the fields of the cattle;
To steal the young chickens and capture the hens,
(Like "William Come-Trimble Toe,") and put 'em in pens.
In the pages of history, no loftier place
Can be claimed for your thieving and cowardly race,
Than to tell they were valiant in stealing a hen,
But ran in confusion from the presence of men.
When at last your Grand Army was forced to a fight,
They were routed, defeated, and driven in flight,
Overwhelm'd with confusion, from the plains of Manassas,
Like a miserable pack of terrified asses.
Was't for this that I labored with vigilant toil.
To sow tares of contention all over your soil?—
To build up your party with lying pretensions,
With demagogue tricks and Chicago Conventions?
It this is the fruit of my labor and zeal,
I am sure I deserve the remorse that I feel,
For becoming the tool
Of a shallow-brained fool,
With the form of an ape and the head of a calf.
It is sowing the whirlwind and reaping the chaff.
"What say you to this?" cried Old Nick, waxing hot:
Quoth President Lincoln, "You must ask Gen. Scott."
"Old Scott's an old ass, and Seward to boot;
And as for yourself, you're a pitiful brute,
Too mean to let live, and too worthless to shoot.

"But to come to the point more directly in hand,
Allow me once more in good faith to demand
The grounds of this pitiful vile proclamation
For fasting and prayer by the whole Yankee nation.
Do you think that Jehovah will favor your cause,
While you murder, and steal, and violate laws?
Will your prayers be heard when you ask the Eternal,
For help to accomplish your objects infernal?
No! this war, like yourself, was begotten in sin,
And lose it or win,
You must now begin,
To fight with the spirit of 'Seventy-Six,'
And abandon you pitiful Yankee tricks."
Quoth "honest Old Abe," "I'm in a very bad fix."
"You are right, now, for once," said old Nick with a grin,
'But such are the fruits of transgression and sin;
Then where lies the blame? Not with me, I am sure;
"You made the disease: you must seek for the cure.
And now, in conclusion, your attention I call
To a single fact more—'tis the saddest of all:
(As he spoke the hot tears came flush to his eyes,)
The Gospel has made me 'the father of lies'—
And the record is true. From the very beginning,
I have tutored the world in lying and sinning:
But it stirs up my soul with grief and vexation,
To see your abominable Yankee nation,
Outstripping me far in the depths of its shame,
And heaping reproach on my kingdom and name.

"I've one word to add; it's a terrible one!
The race of your treachery is almost run;
Your political sky looks dark and dun;
The fate-clouds are gathering o'er your setting sun;
You have ruined your nation—degraded its name—
And hurled on its people a heritage of shame;
You have murdered its glory and pride at a blow,
And filled its proud cities with wailing and woe.
The avenger is coming. O'er your dark future path
Is brooding a storm of terrible wrath.
The wrongs of oppression, the blood of the slain,
The pleadings of widows for their lost ones again,
The cries of the poor, all starving for bread,
The curse of the nation, overwhelming with dread,
Shall break like an avalanche full on your head,
Then woe to the day when Beauregard comes
With his fiery legions from their Southern homes;
When the roar of their guns shall fill you with fright,
And the flash of their sabres shall gleam on your sight.
Ah! then shall you sink to a merciless tomb,
And the shouts of their triumph shall herald your doom.
Your fate is now writ by the 'hand on the wall:'
O'er your 'house on the sand' the bleak tempest shall fall,
And sweep you away in its ruins to hell—
I have finished my mission, Farewell! Farewell!"
Thus saying, he left in a moment of time,
And wound up his speech, where I wind up my rhyme:
He left General Scott in a passion and worry—
Old Abe in a fit, and his wife in a flurry.

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